

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH COMMUNITY



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INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2021

100% Capacity

Parishioners/attendees/guests are encouraged to wear masks, if health conditions exist, or as a personal choice, to ensure maximum safety/precautions for all.

SATURDAY VIGIL

***5:15 pm English**

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 7:45 am / 9:00 am

***10:15 am - interpreted for the deaf**

12:00 pm / *1:45 pm Español / 5:15 pm

DAILY MASS-Effective September 22, 2021

***8:15 am & 5:30 pm**

Daily Mass in Spanish every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misa diaria en español cada miércoles a las 5:30 pm

(There is no 5:30 pm Mass from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Above schedule in effect until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm



Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:41-42*

The Visitation
Albrecht Dürer
(German, 1471-1528)
c. 1504
Cleveland Museum of Art

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

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Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo y, levantando la voz, exclamó:
"¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre!"
Lucas 1:41-42

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

19 de diciembre de 2021

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.

Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/19

6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 7:45 am Urbano Murguia †
 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Steffler Family †
 10:15 am Carmela Cianciulli †
 12:00 pm Jaime Lian Lao †
 1:45 pm Cruz Pineda †
 5:15 pm Intentions of the De La Torre Family

MONDAY - LUNES 12/20

8:15 am Aurora Saldaña †
 5:30 pm Anne Miller †

TUESDAY - MARTES 12/21

8:15 am Armando M. Acosta †
 5:30 pm Diana Ortiz †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 12/22

8:15 am Arshad Azzu †
 5:30 pm Saad Salim Abdullah †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 12/23

8:15 am Joseph Sr., Tillie & Joseph Jr. Medure †
 5:30 pm Carolyn de Leon †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 12/24

8:15 am Irene M. McFarland †

Christmas Vigil Masses for Parishioners

4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 8:00 pm; 12:00 midnight

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 12/25**Christmas Day Masses for Parishioners**

6:30 am; 8:30 am; 10:15 am 12:00 pm; 1:45 pm

Vigil Mass Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:15 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/26

6:30 am Joseph Joaquin, Jr. †
 8:30 am John M. McFarland †
 10:15 am Natividad & Reynaldo de Leon †
 12:00 pm Louis Mansur †
 1:45 pm Raymunda Simoes †
 5:15 pm Jennifer McMurtrey †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

LITURGY CORNER**December 19 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

December 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest

December 24 - VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Saint Peter Canisius a Jesuit, ordained in 1546; catechist and missionary; leading voice in counter-reformation Germany to defend and strengthen the Catholic faith; organized the German Jesuit province and founded several colleges; he died in 1597.

Saint John Kanty dean of philosophy and professor of theology at the University of Cracow; noted for his austerity, humility, and charity toward the poor; he died in 1473 and was canonized in 1767.

Christmas

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:5

A Christmas prayer to the Lord comes from the 14th-century Dominican Doctor of the Church Saint Catherine of Siena:

"What more could you have given me than the gift of your very self?"

A blessed Christmas to you and your family

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Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is

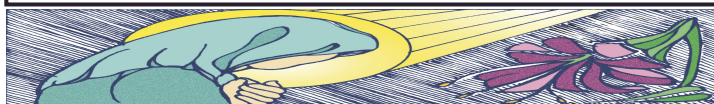
December 26. Mass times: Vigil, Saturday, December 25, English 5:15pm. Sunday, December 26, English 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, & 5:15pm; and Spanish 1:45pm.

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January 1, 2022 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord. It is not a holy day of obligation, Mass will be celebrated at 8:15am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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December 25, 2021

My dearest parishioners of St. Catherine,

Greetings of Peace as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!!!

Last year's Christmas celebrations were an eye-opening experience for us as we encountered the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a different experience compared to the many Christmases that we had previously celebrated. Nonetheless, the spirit and meaning of Christmas were never diminished. No matter what our situation may be, we always find joy in celebrating the birth of the Son of God. *Jesus is the greatest gift that we have ever received from God.*

My heart is full of joy and gratitude because you have been faithful and generous parishioners. Your faith, support, and prayers have given me so much inspiration and strength as I serve you as pastor. There may be difficult times ahead, but the message of Christmas gives me so much hope. Christ is Emmanuel, "the God who is with us." His coming to us is an assurance of God's presence and fidelity to His promise.

With a spirit of optimism and confidence in God's goodness, I anticipate that next year, 2022, will be a better year as we resume our parish ministries and activities. Of course, we must continue to put into practice what we have learned from our experiences, especially in the last two years, to take care of one another as an expression of our love for God.

One of the major activities we expect next year is the Synod on Synodality. It is a big task that we will all face together as we journey to reflect on the church's mission, our participation, and communion as one people of God. We can use this event to look at our parish's vision and mission and to plan what we hope to achieve in the years to come as a community of disciples and to respond to the challenges of the present time.

I would also like to mention that our pews will be refurbished as one of our major projects next year. Your generosity and financial support for the DDF made this possible. And those who share their time and talents with our community, the many volunteers from our different ministries, I am deeply touched by your sense of commitment. I pray to God that he will continue to bless all of you for all of the contributions, big or small, that you make to our parish.

Lastly, on behalf of the MSC priests, together with our deacons and staff, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year! And may you and all your loved ones be filled with joy and God's love as you welcome the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. Seginando Cajucum, Jr., MSC
Pastor



*In the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed
as joyful news. (Evangelium Vitae, no. 1)*



2021 DDF—We met the DDF Assessment for the year. There is still time to donate to the DDF benefiting St. Catherine's Parish. 100% of your donation will directly support St. Catherine.

Thank you very much for your continued support! Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!
Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering
December 5, 2021**

	<u>Actual Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted Collection</u>
December 5th	\$ 17,190.80	\$ 16,000.00
Actual Collection		\$ 368,888.19
Budgeted Collection		346,000.00
YTD Collection Overage		\$22,888.19

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.
Thank you for your generosity.

**2021 Diocesan Development Fund
December 5, 2021**

Total Pledges Made	\$ 100,123
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 30,373
Total DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 98,332
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 28,582
Number of donors	405
Parishioner's participation %	14%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2021.

VINCENTIAN CORNER



The St. Catherine's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the SCoA parish staff and parishioners for their prayers and financial support. Your contributions during our fiscal year of 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2021 made all of the following possible throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic:

- 1928 people assisted with food
- 474 food bags delivered to 239 families through non-contact personal home visits
- 1126 Emergency Food Bags provided to the Ministry Center for distribution
- \$39,639 provided in food and financial assistance
- \$869 of conference expense (98 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to serve our clients)
- 3701 hours volunteered helping families throughout the city of Riverside
- 26 families sponsored for 2020 Christmas

Thank you for your prayers and your generous donations during this difficult year which allowed St. Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to make a difference in your community. We wish you and your families a Blessed Holiday Season!



We need **COOKIES, CRACKERS, MACARONI & CHEESE** for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food.

Donations can be dropped off at St. Catherine's Ministry Center, 7005 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506 M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you

2021 Simbang Gabi



Parol/Star Lantern

What is Simbang Gabi?

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of celebrating a novena of Advent masses to heighten the preparation of the faithful for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Although it is still within the Advent season, special permission has been granted to make Simbang Gabi a festive celebration. Thus, the liturgical color is white, and Gloria is sung. This spiritual experience enables the faithful to joyfully anticipate the coming of the Messiah in their faith communities, home and hearts.

The Filipino Ministry cordially invites you to

Simbang Gabi Mass
Saturday, December 18, 2021
5:15 pm

Songs will be sung in Pilipino

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church
3680 Arlington Ave, Riverside

Everyone is welcome!
No Fellowship due to COVID restrictions.



For more information and donations, please
Contact: Parish Office (951) 781-9855 ext. 23

Help adorn St. Catherine's Church with Poinsettia plants for Christmas.

If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia Plant** in memory of a loved one, you may bring your plant to the Church **Friday morning, December 24th, 9:00 am to 10:00 am**. Memorial Cards will be available for you to fill out and place with the plant. Thank you.



PARDON THE MESS!

The church pews will be restored and refinished starting next month. More info. in coming bulletins. Refinishing project will be from January 3, 2022 to February 23, 2022.

Your **DDF donations** have made this project possible. **Thank you!** Merry Christmas!

CONFESSIONS: There will be **NO** confessions on Saturday, December 25, 2021. Confessions will resume on Saturday, January 1, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Thank you.

Deaths



Please pray for our beloved dead...
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them*

Jose Luis Rodriguez
Arthur Moncayo
Maria Nava

Edgar "Eddie" Alcee LeDay
Sister Elizabeth Scully
Yvonne Bart

Richard A. & Sylvia C. Johnson
Henry Vieira

Angela DiPadova

For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The mobile clinic will be **CLOSED** on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The mobile clinic will be at St. Catherine's school on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



St. Catherine Church has radio frequency capability at 72.9 MHz Wideband Audio Input with 10.0 db for the FM Radio that you can hear with your in-ear headphone direct from the president's microphone.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH RIVERSIDE, CA



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2021

4:00 pm - English Mass
6:00 pm - English Mass
8:00 pm - Spanish Mass
12:00 am - Bilingual Mass/Live Stream
*Starts at 11:30 pm with
Christmas Carols*

December 25, 2021

6:30 am - English Mass
8:30 am - English Mass (In Church)
8:30 am - English Mass (In Parish Hall)
10:15 am - English Mass (In Church)
Deaf Interpreted/Live Stream
10:15 am - English Mass (In Parish Hall)
12:00 pm - English Mass
1:45 pm - Spanish Mass/Live Stream

Feast of the Holy Family

December 25, 2021 - Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm

December 26, 2021 - 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm 1:45 pm/(Spanish) & 5:15

Worship with us. Bring your family and friends.

ADVENT

PRAYER OF
THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your
Son was made known by the message of an
Angel, may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand
has planted.

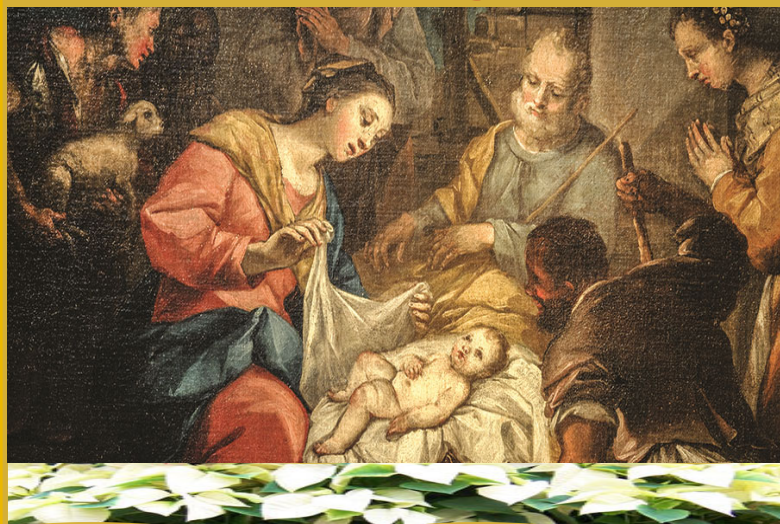
— Psalm 80:15–16

Living Stewardship Now

Pray with thanksgiving for the greatest gift of all at
Christmas-Jesus, the Savior of the world.

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*Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord.*



We wish you a Merry Christmas!



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All gifts & ornaments
are due this weekend
December 18 & 19.

Wishing you a blessed and holy holiday!



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Parish Offices will be closed
Friday, December 24, 2021
through Sunday,
January 2, 2022 for the
Christmas and New Year
Holidays.

Wishing you & your
families a blessed
Christmas and
New Year!

Feeding the Hungry Ministry
WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED

Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets. Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help. We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS**. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag. Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for helping those in need!

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me" - Matthew 25:40



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As we enter flu season and with new variants of COVID-19 emerging, we **highly encourage all parishioners/visitors** to wear a face mask during Mass.

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer,
call the toll free

Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL
DE UN MENOR

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario,
llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual**
Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090

Christmas Food Baskets



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Every year, with the help of parishioners, we at St. Catherine of Alexandria provide Christmas dinner for the poor and needy families in our community. Please help the youth of our parish provide these families with a holiday meal by helping in the following ways:

1. Donate some of the items on the Grocery list.
2. Donate an offering by placing a check designated for "Christmas Food baskets" in the Sunday collection.
3. Donate a store gift card.

Food, donations, or gift cards can be brought to the Ministry Center Mon-Fri between 10am-5pm.
For more info please call 951-781-9855 Ex 14

**LAST DAY TO
DONATE IS TODAY!**

Deadline to drop off food is Sunday,
December 19, 2021

Thank You! Merry Christmas!

Christmas Grocery List:

- Donations of:
 - Turkeys
 - Hams
- Additional items:
 - Boxed Stuffing
 - Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - Gravy
 - Canned vegetables:
 - o Corn
 - o Green beans
 - o Yams
 - Canned Cranberry Sauce
 - Boxed Cake Mix
 - Canned Frosting

WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ITEMS
ON THIS LIST Please no expired
food
Drop off deadline
December 19, 2021



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

Due to the Coronavirus the **Life Night are meeting online almost every Sunday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 Ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for online gatherings.

This Week-12/19: Advent & Christmas Celebration

Join us for a great evening of fun and good time. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00pm-8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information.

Next Week—12/26: NO Life Night. Enjoy the Christmas time with family and friends. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information.

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us**. They are held most Sundays via ZOOM at this time. Please contact Lance if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - For service opportunities, please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - NEW Shop Riverside cards for 2022 are available for purchase. Cards are valid from date of purchase through all of Year 2022. Please call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. **Remember the money raised helps support St. Catherine's Youth Programs.** Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school from 6th to 8th grade in private or public schools. **We are not sure at this time when we will be able to start this school year.** For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 12/19/2021

1st Year of Confirmation - Our 3rd Module for the year will be **January 9th or 10th, Zoom code will be emailed the week before**. You only need to attend one of the two modules. If you missed the Mandatory Parent & Candidate meeting or make-up, please contact Lance for Zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation - Classes have started. If you have missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year ASAP.

3rd Year of Confirmation - We will have a Zoom meeting on **December 16th at 6:30 pm for the Parents of 3rd year candidates; this is a very important meeting about the retreat**. We have started classes and if you missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year asap.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for this Confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for **APPOINTMENT** & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade, confirming in 11th grade, this includes public or private schools. Please contact Lance Wiseman with any questions.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please note **CORRECTION:**

St. Catherine's Sunday Mass times will return to pre-pandemic schedule.

Beginning Sunday, January 2, 2022, December 26, 2021 the Mass times will be:

English: 6:30am, **8:30am**, 10:15am, 12:00pm and 5:15pm, and 1:45pm in Spanish.

Please plan accordingly.



RCIA INQUIRY

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Though our face-to-face Inquiry gatherings are cancelled at present, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is **starting an on-line group on Sundays** for those interested in becoming Catholic.

If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information. God bless and "see you" soon!



María se encaminó presurosa a un pueblo de las montañas de Judea y, entrando en la casa de Zacarías, saludó a Isabel.

Lucas 1:39-40

ENCARNACIÓN Y MISTERIO PASCUAL

Durante años, los escritores espirituales católicos han llamado la atención sobre la sutil —y no tan sutil— vinculación de la liturgia navideña con la encarnación de Cristo y su misterio pascual. En los relatos de la infancia de Mateo y Lucas, hay innumerables insinuaciones de la Pasión y la cruz. Los santos de la Octava de Navidad, llamados “comites Christi”, compañeros de sufrimiento de Cristo, forman una guardia de honor real de mártires y otros que dieron testimonio con gran sacrificio personal del Niño que aclamamos como “Príncipe de la Paz”, aunque la madera del pesebre evoca la madera de la cruz. Pero en estos días, tristemente, a raíz de los aparentemente interminables tiroteos en masa en las escuelas, no necesitamos recordatorios de lo cerca que están en la vida real la cuna y la cruz. Que nuestros corazones encuentren, si no respuestas, al menos consuelo en el recordatorio de Miqueas de que, del dolor del parto de una mujer nació el Niño que es nuestra paz encarnada.

CONSUELO Y SALVACIÓN

Todas las Escrituras de hoy parecen declarar el “consuelo y la alegría” de la Navidad. Miqueas declara que, por pequeña que sea Belén, el niño que allí nazca traerá la paz que “llegará hasta los confines de la tierra”. La carta a los hebreos proclama que, a pesar del dolor y el sufrimiento, la “ofrenda del cuerpo de Jesucristo” nos salva a todos. En el Evangelio de hoy, María, que apenas es una niña, deja de lado inmediatamente sus propias preocupaciones —y como futura madre desposada, pero aún no casada, cuántas debían de ser— para viajar a toda prisa, por un terreno peligroso, en un viaje de cuatro días (según los estudiosos) desde Nazaret a Ain-Karem, hasta la casa de Isabel y Zacarías.

BENDITO

Entonces, al igual que David saltó y danzó ante la antigua Arca de la Alianza que llevaba preciosos signos de la presencia permanente de Dios, así Juan salta en el vientre de su madre Isabel cuando María llega, un arca viva que lleva la presencia viva de Dios. Isabel saluda con alegría a María con las palabras que rezamos a diario en el “Ave María”: “Bendita eres entre las mujeres y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre”. Por qué María es tan bendita”, explica entonces Isabel: “Dichosa tú que has creído que se iba a cumplir lo que te ha dicho el Señor”. Del mismo modo, podemos atrevernos a esperar ser “bienaventurados” por “creer que lo que nos fue dicho” por el Señor —la promesa de misericordia de Jesús— se cumplirá al compartir la misericordia de Dios con todos. En efecto, por nuestro bautismo y, más inmediata y repetidamente, por nuestra participación en la Eucaristía, también nosotros llevamos dentro a Cristo vivo. ¿A quién, o a qué situación, tenemos que llevar a Cristo en esta Navidad? De hecho, a lo largo del año, ¿con qué desinterés dejamos de lado nuestras propias preocupaciones? ¿Con qué entusiasmo —“con prisa”— atravesamos, sin tener en cuenta las dificultades, cualquier terreno peligroso que haya que conquistar para servir a los demás?

LECTURAS DE HOY

Miqueas 5:1-4a
Salmo 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebreos 10:5-10
Lucas 1:39-45

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
Martes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Miércoles: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Jueves: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
Viernes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Sábado: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Domingo: Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 (127):1-5 o Sal 84 (83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

ADVIENTO

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Te pedimos, Señor, que infundas tu gracia en nuestros corazones, para que, habiendo conocido, por el anuncio del ángel, la encarnación de tu Hijo, lleguemos, por medio de su pasión y de su cruz, a la gloria de la resurrección.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN:

¿Qué puedo hacer para que otras personas conozcan la Encarnación de Cristo?

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD VIVIDA AHORA

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AMAR AHORA

Que amen ahora quienes nunca antes amaron; que los que siempre amaron amen aún más ahora. —Anónimo

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miqueas 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Oh Dios, restáuranos, que brille tu rostro y nos salve (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Al hacer Cristo la voluntad del Padre, es decir, al ofrecerse él mismo, hemos sido consagrados (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

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INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

19 de diciembre - CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

21 de diciembre - San Pedro Canisio, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia

23 de diciembre - San Juan de Kety, presbítero

24 de diciembre - LA VIGILIA DE NAVIDAD

25 de diciembre - LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR (NAVIDAD)

San Pedro Canisio, jesuita, ordenado en 1546; catequista y misionero; voz principal en la Alemania de la contrarreforma para defender y fortalecer la fe católica; organizó la provincia jesuita alemana y fundó varios colegios; murió en 1597.

San Juan Kanty decano de filosofía y profesor de teología en la Universidad de Cracovia; destacado por su austeridad, humildad y caridad hacia los pobres; murió en 1473 y fue canonizado en 1767.

Navidad

"Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha dado; le ponen en el hombro el distintivo del rey y proclaman su nombre: Consejero admirable, Dios fuerte, Padre que no muere, príncipe de la Paz." Isaías 9:5

Una oración navideña al Señor proviene de la Doctora de la Iglesia dominicana del siglo XIV, Santa Catalina de Siena: "¿Qué más podrías darme que el regalo de tu propio ser?"

Una feliz Navidad para ti y tu familia

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La fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José es el 26 de diciembre. Horarios de misa:

Vigilia, sábado 25 de diciembre, inglés 5:15 pm; domingo 26 de diciembre, inglés 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm y 5:15 pm; y español 1:45 pm.

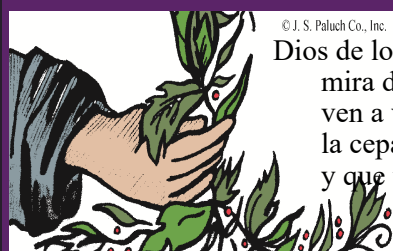
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1 de enero de 2022 Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, día de la Octava de la Natividad del Señor. No es día de precepto, la misa se celebrará a las 8:15 am.



Las oficinas de la parroquia estarán cerradas desde el viernes 24 de diciembre de 2021 hasta el domingo 2 de enero de 2022 por las fiestas de Navidad y Año Nuevo.

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— Salmo 80 (79):15-16



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CONFESIONES

NO habrá confesiones el sábado, 25 de diciembre de 2021. Las confesiones se reanudarán el sábado 1º de enero de 2022 de 3:30 pm a 4:30 pm. Gracias.

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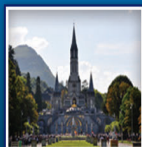


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